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DOWNPOUR DAMAGE

- Sewage in lake
- Leaking Metro station
- Record-breaking rain

BDA forest department seems to be in a hurry to achieve sapling plantation target — so it has planted them on roads, buffer zone of drains, and any other place at KG Layout

CHAOS PLANTING

Site owners say no thought spared for chance of plants' survival

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Haphazard planting of saplings by the Forest Department of Bengaluru Development Authority (BDA) at Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Layout is coming under a lot of fire. Site owners claim that it is the lack of coordination between engineering department and forest department that has resulted in this disaster.

Site owners BM spoke to said that the BDA Deputy Conservator of Forest seemed to be in a terrible hurry to plant saplings and has no time to even think if these saplings would survive. They alleged the BDA Deputy Conservator of Forests (DCF) has decided to achieve the target of saplings to be planted, but was certainly not interested in the growth and survival of saplings at the layout.

"The planting of saplings is not being done scientifically.

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Saplings planted on both sides of the road much before asphalting work is completed at Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Layout

> **"The Engineer Member has said the engineering department will place rings on all the roads to facilitate planting of saplings. But the BDA Forest Department has taken up planting much before the rings can be placed.**
> — Suriya Kiran, Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Layout Open Forum

Case in point: Slush-slush affair

Two years ago this road was dug up for lake rejuvenation work. It was never restored: Result is, it disintegrates after rain

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As pre-monsoon showers battered Bengaluru on Saturday and Sunday, many areas reported water-logged localities and streets.

Hosakerchalli, one such locality, had nearly one kilometre of its main road, connecting to the rest of the city, flooded. Although water receded in a few hours, what is left behind is a slushy and muddy stretch.

"Kerekodi Road was in a dangerous condition with light showers in the city. The weekend's

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3 THINGS TO DO

01 Thrive with Pride

This event is a celebration of the LGBTQIA+ community, featuring an array of performances, interactive sessions, and inspiring talks. Attendees can look forward to an evening filled with music, dance, and heartfelt stories, promoting acceptance and understanding. Whether you are part of the community or an ally, come and show your support for diversity and inclusion. Don't miss out on this opportunity to be part of a movement that embraces love and pride!
Where: Bangalore International Centre
When: June 9

02 Mehendi art

Unlock your creativity with a Mehendi Art Workshop. This workshop delves into the cultural significance and techniques of Mehendi application. Learn to create intricate designs, and get tips for achieving dark, long-lasting stains.
Where: Small World, ST Bed, Koramangala
When: June 4 – July 1

03 Wick tricks

This workshop teaches the basics of candle making, including types of wax, wicks, and how to add scents and colours. Participants will have the opportunity to create and take home their own handcrafted candles. Perfect for beginners and craft enthusiasts, this workshop promises a fun and creative experience.
Where: Bloom Activity Centre, Haralur
When: June 9

Blame game over reduced FDI inflows to Karnataka

State sees 66.8% drop in FDI as Maharashtra and Gujarat surge ahead; policy changes and competition cited as key factors

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Is Karnataka's foreign direct investment (FDI) taking a hit? An examination of the FDI data reveals that inflows have been steadily decreasing year after year. In 2022, Karnataka led the country with the highest FDI inflows, amounting to Rs 1,63,795 crore, surpassing Maharashtra, which had Rs 1,14,964 crore. However, by 2023, Karnataka's FDI inflows reduced to Rs 83,628 crore, placing it second after Maharashtra, which had Rs 1,18,422 crore. In 2024, FDI inflows in Karnataka further dipped to Rs 54,427 crore, making it third in the country after Maharashtra with Rs 1,25,101 crore and Gujarat with Rs 60,600 crore.

In contrast, other states have shown significant growth in FDI inflows over the past two years. Gujarat experienced a 200.5 per cent increase, Telangana saw a 109.7 per cent rise, Jharkhand saw an 87.5 per cent jump, and Uttar Pradesh saw a 70.6 per cent increase. Even Maharashtra, which continued to lead in FDI, saw an 8.8 per cent rise. In stark contrast, Karnataka experienced a substantial reduction of 66.8 per cent in FDI inflows, the highest drop among the leading states. Other states also saw declines, such as Rajasthan with a 587.4 per cent drop, Haryana with a 24.7 per cent drop, Delhi with an 11.3 per cent drop, and Tamil Nadu with a 10 per cent drop.

"It becomes clear that while Karnataka once led the nation in FDI inflows, it is now facing a significant decline. This reduction is notable because, despite being a major player in attracting FDI, Karnataka's inflows have dropped by 66.8 per cent over two years –Analyst

An analyst said, "It becomes clear that while Karnataka once led the nation in FDI inflows, it is now facing a significant decline. This reduction is notable because, despite being a major player in attracting FDI, Karnataka's inflows have dropped by 66.8 per cent over two years. This drop is substantial compared to other leading states, which either experienced growth or had less severe declines. The decline in Karnataka's FDI could be attributed to various factors, including policy changes, competition from other states, and possibly external economic conditions. Maharashtra and Gujarat have not only surpassed Karnataka but have also shown resilience and growth, indicating that they have possibly created more favourable environments for attracting foreign investments. The data underscores the need for Karnataka to reassess and possibly revamp its strategies to regain its competitive edge in attracting FDI."

However, Large and Medium Industries Minister MB Patil pointed out that the decline in FDI was not unique to Karnataka. He noted that overall FDI to India has been decreasing over the past three years. Patil attributed this trend to the flawed policies and lack of vision of the union government. He also suggested that global developments might have contributed to the reduction in FDI. The data released by the central government, according to Patil, reflects this broader declining trend in FDI to India.

"The FDI to India has decreased from $71 billion in FY23 to $70 billion in FY24. The FDI, which stood at Rs 4.42 lakh crore in FY 21-22, reduced to Rs 3.67 lakh crore in FY 22-23 and Rs 3.427 lakh crore in FY 23-24," he stated. He noted that FDI equity investment in FY 23-24 saw a reduction of just 3 per cent compared to the previous year. However, this fall is over 25 per cent compared to the past four years, Patil added. He claimed that the NDA government's stance and the laxity of the previous BJP-led government in the state have also contributed to the decline in FDI to the state. "The union government is diverting the investors towards Maharashtra and Gujarat," the Minister alleged.

"There is a negative impact on the state, as is true for the entire country. But, there is no sharp decline in FY 23-24. The state government has taken constructive measures to improve the scenario. Despite many challenges and adverse geopolitical conditions, Karnataka attracted investments worth Rs 1.13 lakh crore in 2023-24 across various sectors such as ESDM, Li-ion battery manufacturing for EVs, core manufacturing (steel), automobiles, data centres, and more. The manufacturing sector has shown promising momentum," he added.

NIMHANS & K'taka govt launch major initiative to tackle student mental health crisis

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The National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences (NIMHANS), in collaboration with the Departments of Health and Education, Government of Karnataka, is spearheading a significant initiative to address the mental health crisis among students. Under the aegis of the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), this multi-state implementation research study is being conducted across eight states and union territories, with Karnataka being a key participant.

This three-year project aims to develop a sustainable model to promote mental well-being and reduce suicide risk among students in grades 9 and 10, pre-university, and colleges. The initiative responds to the growing concern over the mental health challenges faced by youth and young adults, highlighted by a 2021 UNICEF report indicating that one in five young people aged 15 to 24 in 21 countries reported feelings of depression or disinterest in activities.

NIMHANS campus

Additionally, the National Mental Health Survey of India 2015-2016 found that 7.3 per cent of adolescents and 10.6 per cent of young adults experienced diagnosable mental health issues, with urban prevalence twice as high.

Despite the pressing need, many young individuals do not receive adequate support due to low awareness, stigma, misconceptions about professional help, and limited access to affordable services. Given that students spend considerable time in educational settings, these environments are crucial for implementing mental health programmes. Such initiatives can enhance a sense of belonging, identify distress early, and improve access to self-help, peer support, and professional care.

Dr Seema Mehrotra, Professor of Clinical Psychology, NIMHANS and principal investigator of the project, emphasised the multidisciplinary approach of the initiative. Experts across various departments at NIMHANS and the E-Health Research Center at IIIT-B are collaborating with the Government of Karnataka and other stakeholders to achieve the project's goals.

The expected outcome is the development of a scalable, sustainable model for mental health promotion and suicide risk reduction.

Going fast & needlessly furious on B'luru's roads

Police say minor incidents blow up into altercations in no time; ask people to follow through with complaints

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Bengaluru has been experiencing a surge in road rage incidents, with a recent attack involving a scooterist and a car. Deepak Jain, an IT professional, shared his ordeal on social media, detailing how he was attacked after a scooterist failed to overtake his car.

The incident, captured on the dash camera in Jain's car, occurred on VIBGYOR High School Road. The scooterist, riding a grey electric scooter, initially overtook Jain's car without raising any suspicion. However, the situation quickly escalated as the scooterist began following Jain, honking and demanding he stop. The confrontation intensified when the scooterist blocked Jain's path, broke his car's right-side window and outer rear-view mirror, and aggressively attacked the vehicle with a coconut shell. Jain suspects that a grey Renault Triber, which attempted to block his path, might be linked to the attacker.

"A scooter overtook my car from the left side. A few hundred metres ahead, he began yelling, honking, and obstructed my way, parking in front of my car. He picked up a tender coconut shell, smashed my right-side car window, broke the right rear view mirror, and continued yelling. As I tried to escape, he smashed the window multiple times and threw the shell at the back glass. About 300 metres ahead, a grey car attempted to block my way. Thankfully, my dashcam recorded the entire incident," said the victim.

He added that a complaint has been filed at Varthur Police Station and the police are investigating the matter. After Jain put up the video on social media, many shared with him similar incidents that happened with them a couple of months ago.

DCP Whitefield Shivakumar informed BM that the police were alerted to the incident through social media. Initially planning to file a suo-moto case, they proceeded after the individual involved responded and they then registered an FIR.

Although the details of the electric two-wheeler in the video have been identified, no arrests have been made yet. Regarding other reports of road rage or extortion attempts shared on social media, the DCP noted that it is often minor accidents that escalate into major altercations.

Social media posts frequently present a one-sided narrative, but investigations often reveal different perspectives, he said. He also added that many individuals who post about such incidents online do not follow through with formal complaints.

Rave party: Actress, drug dealer held

Telugu actress Hema was arrested on Monday after being questioned by the Central Crime Branch (CCB) in connection with a rave party in Bengaluru. Earlier that day, the CCB of Bengaluru Police issued notices to eight individuals, including Hema, to appear for a hearing.

On May 22, a raid on a rave party on the outskirts of the city revealed that at least 86 attendees tested positive for drug use, sparking controversy due to the widespread drug consumption.

The olice also arrested a drug peddler named Omar Shareef, a resident of DJ Halli, in connection with the case. Authorities seized 40 MDMA tablets from Shareef, who was reportedly present at the party and had been instructed by the organisers to supply various drugs.

The police had raided the rave party titled 'Sunset to Sunrise Victory' on the outskirts of Bengaluru on May 20. The party was attended by around 100 people, including techies, Telugu actors, and others.

MDMA, cocaine, ganja, charas, and other narcotic substances were allegedly used at the party.

Five people were arrested in the case before it was transferred from the Electronics City police station to the Anti-Narcotics Wing of the CCB. **BMB**

Rush of sewage into lake threatens aquatic life

Lack of regular monitoring & inspection puts Subramanyapura Kere rejuvenation in peril

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Regular visitors and volunteers at Subramanyapura Kere in Jayanagar have raised concerns regarding the inflow of large amounts of sewage into the waterbody. They opine that there is an immediate need to arrest this entry of sewage as it might impact water quality and thus harm aquatic life.

"I visited the lake on Sunday evening and noticed a large amount of sewage entering the lake through the diversion channels. This is because the stormwater drains leading to the waterbody are clogged with garbage," said Randhish, a resident of the area.

Many raise the issue of a lack of regular monitoring and inspection. While lake volunteers and walkers have applied under the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike's (BBMP) Kere Mitra programme, there is no clarity on the outcome. "We applied for it, but we were not informed about who was selected. This information is not available on the BBMP website or even in the lake groups. Thus, inspections are not happening regularly," added Randhish.

Locals say the lake receiving sewage with just pre-monsoon showers is worrisome. They allege there is a complete lack of coordination between BBMP's storm water drain (SWD) department and the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB). "Every time we speak to officials from BBMP's Lake Department, they blame BWSSB for the issue. The area not only lacks underground drainage (UGD), but there is no continuity in SWDs as well. This is apart from the fact that SWDs in the area are not cleaned and thus aren't ready to receive rainwater. There is a complete lack of coordination among BBMP's departments as well," said a regular walker.

View of Subramanyapura Lake; the stormwater drain leading to the waterbody is filled with garbage of all kinds

> **SWDs in area are open; diversion channels are not being cleaned, leading to overflow. In one year of its revival, the lake is back to square one** –Bhuvan, volunteer

According to Bhuvan, a lake volunteer in the area, while the lake was rejuvenated only a year ago, there has been no improvement in water quality. "The SWDs in the area are open, inviting people to throw garbage. Diversion channels have also gathered a lot of solid waste that has not been cleaned, leading to the overflow. In one year of its revival, the lake is back to square one," said Bhuvan. Members of the lake welfare group in the area say that while a joint inspection of Subramanyapura Kere was conducted by BBMP and BWSSB a couple of weeks ago, not much has changed. "The inspection was conducted by the officials to understand the source of sewage in the lake. They inspected rajakaluves that carry sewage from upstream; however, the source could not be identified. While the lake's watershed is spread over a large area, filtration beds are not done scientifically, leading to the issue," said a member.

Water everywhere! Stormwater enters houses

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In the wake of Sunday's heavy downpour, severe flooding has affected 244 families across multiple slum areas in Vinobha Nagar, Jaibhim Nagar, Gurappa and Ramanna Gardens, and Jaali Mohalla. The storm drain overflowed due to blockages, inundating homes with up to two feet of water. This incident has left many women-headed families, who depend on informal labour, struggling as their essential supplies, including rations, school bags, books, and blankets, have been damaged or lost.

A survey conducted by the Slum Mahila Sanghatane on Monday in wards 118, 138, and 139 highlighted the widespread impact of the flooding. Jancy, a representative of the organisation, shared the survey's findings, stating, "In the Sudham Nagar 118 area, Ramanna Garden saw 67 out of 600 slum houses affected, Vinobha Nagar had 73 out of 850 houses impacted, and Gurappa Garden saw 23 out of 135 houses affected."

The state of one of the houses after Sunday's rainfall

Elaborating on the dire situation, she said that they are living in small houses with their dry rations, blankets, and bags while also struggling for food. "Last year, we highlighted the issue in KR Puram ward, where places like Bakshi Garden and Jaali Mohalla were affected. However, no action was taken. Similar cases were observed on Sunday, with 38 houses in Bakshi Garden and 27 houses in Jaali Mohalla affected. In ward 138, the Jai Bheem Nagar area had 15 slum houses affected," Jancy said.

One resident described the ordeal, stating, "Our entire grocery was soaked with water. We cannot use it now. As we stay in a very narrow space, there is no place for us to keep anything. We are suffering a lot. Every time it rains, we face the same issue. My daughter's school books are all wet. We don't know what to do. We couldn't even eat last night. There was no electricity, and water was flowing inside. It was a nightmare."

Jancy further added, "There is a storm water drain close by that hasn't been cleaned up and is choked. With heavy rains, it overflows, and the water gets into the houses. Many people have been suffering for years. Despite the problem persisting for years, the BBMP does not take action to solve this issue."

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Filthy roads
Panathur

Garbage has been piling up along the Panathur stretch for the past few months, especially on Croma Road/Bellandur Railway Station Road. Despite lodging a complaint with BBMP, they closed the ticket by attaching an image of their workers cleaning a different location.

Watch your step!
Museum Road

There are obstructions on the footpath near Jesuit Nivas on Museum Road.

Bus stand chaos
Yelahanka

The dilapidated bus shelter near Prestige Monte Carlo Apartments is occupied by vendors, forcing the passengers to wait on the main road in front of the main gate, causing inconvenience.

Escalator breaks down at Magadi Road Metro Station

Rainwater leakage causes escalator shutdown; senior citizens & passengers forced to cross busy roads and navigate puddles

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Defunct escalator and a puddle near the stairs at Magadi Road Metro Station on Sunday night

Here is a caution for senior citizens and others suffering from arthritis. Whenever it rains heavily, it is not prudent for them to depend on the escalator below platform number two at Magadi Road Metro Station. The reason: the escalator becomes defunct, compelling passengers to either climb the stairs or cross the busy road to use the escalator situated at the entrance adjacent to the parking facility.

Many senior citizens and others were compelled to cross the busy road to use the escalator adjacent to the parking facility, as the escalator on the other side was out of order due to rainwater leakage. This leakage caused the floor to resemble a small puddle. No one at Magadi Road Namma Metro Station seemed concerned about putting up a caution board or wiping up the rainwater on the floor.

The security guards managing the baggage scanner at the entrance expressed helplessness as they could not switch on the escalator. "The escalator has stopped working due to leakage of rainwater. We have already informed higher authorities about it. We have to wait until the maintenance staff attend to this problem," said one of the security guards.

Some passengers blamed the Namma Metro management for not taking measures to prevent rainwater from spilling on the escalator. "The escalator stops working whenever it rains heavily. It has become a habit for the security guards to barricade the entrance of the escalator during the monsoon," said B Prasad, a senior citizen.

When contacted, Suresh, the Controller of Magadi Road Metro Station, said that the escalator became defunct at 7 pm, and he had already informed the maintenance staff and expected it to be restored at any time. "Namma Metro train services are disrupted between MG Road and Indiranagar due to a tree falling over the metro track near Trinity Metro Station. All the staff are engaged in the restoration of train services between Indiranagar and MG Road," said the controller. He added that he would visit the spot and take suitable measures to ensure the floor near the stairs is free from rainwater.

A passenger, pleading anonymity, mentioned that rainwater leaking from the roof has become routine during the monsoon at some stations. "I want Namma Metro management to fix these problems without any delay to avoid inconvenience to the passengers," he said.

With the termination of Namma Metro train services at MG Road Metro Station on Sunday night, thousands of people who alighted there had to wait for more than three hours to find alternative transport to reach Indiranagar Metro Station and proceed towards Whitefield and other areas. The BMRCL authorities failed to coordinate with the BMTC authorities to operate buses between MG Road and Indiranagar for the benefit of the stranded passengers.

Heavy rains predicted in B'luru, Deputy CM orders swift action

Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister (DCM) DK Shivakumar on Monday said that the India Meteorology Department has predicted heavy rains in Bengaluru in the next 24 hours and that he has given directions to officials to work as a team to avert any untoward incidents.

According to officials, several trees were uprooted and branches of many trees came crashing down, damaging houses and vehicles. However, there was no loss of life.

As torrential rain threw life out of gear in Bengaluru on Sunday night, Shivakumar convened a meeting with officials and took stock of the situation.

"The India Meteorology Department (IMD) has said heavy rains are likely in the next 24 hours. Everyone has to work as a team. I have given this direction," the DCM told reporters.

He said that despite election duty, officials worked throughout the night to remove the fallen trees from the roads and ensure smooth traffic flow.

He directed the officials to evacuate those residing in old, dilapidated buildings. He said the officers should ensure that there are no casualties due to rain.

He also asked officials to work in tandem with the NDRF and SDRF teams. They were also told to ensure that water from stormwater drains does not get mixed with drinking water. —PTI

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Sunday's rain breaks record and other things

BBMP says all hands on deck, but wettest June day in 133 years left trail of mishaps

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The windscreen of a car was shattered as a huge tree crashed onto it over Sunday night, in Hanumanthanagar

Bengaluru's weather appears to be setting new records each month. Coming close at the heels of a driest April, the city has now achieved another milestone of the wettest June day.

According to Bengaluru Weather on the X platform, "The city recorded the wettest June day in history with 111 mm of rainfall by 11:30 PM on Sunday. The previous record was 101.6 mm, set 133 years ago on June 16, 1891."

The India Meteorological Department has confirmed that the Southwest Monsoon has officially covered Bengaluru. This signifies a change in wind direction, with winds now blowing from west to east until the end of September.

Monsoon arrives

IMD scientist Dr N Puviarasan said, "The monsoon has covered most parts of South Karnataka, including Bengaluru City. The Northern Limit of Monsoon passes through Honnavar, Ballari, Kurnool, Narsapur, and Islampur. Conditions are favorable for the further advance of the Southwest Monsoon into the remaining parts of the central Arabian Sea, Karnataka, some parts of south Maharashtra, Goa, Rayalaseema, Telangana, Coastal Andhra Pradesh, south Chhattisgarh, and south Odisha, as well as more parts of the west-central and northwest Bay of Bengal during the next four to five days. The cyclonic circulation over the west-central and adjoining southwest Bay of Bengal off the south Coastal Andhra Pradesh-north Tamil Nadu coasts persists and is now seen up to 3.1 km above mean sea level, tilting southwestwards with height. A trough runs from the above cyclonic circulation over East Uttar Pradesh to North Interior Karnataka across Madhya Pradesh and interior Maharashtra at 1.5 km above mean sea level. Bengaluru will have a generally cloudy sky with moderate rain/thundershowers, heavy at isolated places. Maximum and minimum temperatures are likely to be around 30°C and 19°C, respectively."

Badly hit

However, many Bengalureans are still dealing with the aftermath of Sunday's heavy rainfall, which also affected city traffic on Monday. Joint Commissioner of Police (Traffic) MN Anucheth stated, "Due to the heavy rainfall, there was waterlogging at 58 locations and tree falls at 39 locations on important arterial roads. As a result, there was congestion, and civic agencies were working to clear it."

Mahalakshmi Layout MLA K Gopalaiah commented on the situation, saying Sunday night's rainfall had caused widespread damage. "In SVK Layout, many residents were trapped inside their homes. I have been urging personnel to clear the roads blocked by fallen trees. We've witnessed trees falling on houses and vehicles. It may take a day or two to completely clear the roads. I have requested the Chief Minister to take necessary measures."

Dangerous underpasses

The city's numerous underpasses became traps for many during the heavy rainfall. For instance, a vehicle was half-submerged near Kino Theatre, and at the Jakkur underpass, a two-wheeler got stuck. One commuter mentioned that she thought the rainwater had receded enough to use the underpass, but she became stuck in the slush. Thankfully, locals came to her rescue.

Many vehicle owners faced double shocks due to the rainfall. For example, an auto-rickshaw in Basaveshwaranagar was damaged by a falling tree. The driver had abandoned the vehicle, which was partially damaged. When he returned on Monday to check on it, he was shocked to find that the tyres had been stolen. The auto driver told BM, "I was traveling from Basaveshwaranagar when the heavy rainfall began. As the tree was about to fall, I got out, and it fell on my vehicle. Luckily, there were no passengers. I have been driving for 14 years, but I have never experienced anything like this. Now, I am shocked that my tyres have been stolen."

What BBMP says

BBMP Chief Commissioner Tushar Giri Nath reacted to the situation saying that it was an unusual quantity of rain. "We need to understand that Sunday's rainfall was 111 mm. All officials have been in the field. Due to the heavy rainfall and wind, 128 trees fell and 50% of them were removed by evening, with the rest being cleared. We coordinated with fire personnel as well. Despite the record rain, I can say there was not too much waterlogging. Waterlogging occurred on ORR, Mysuru Road, and in a few places like Yelahanka, RMV Extension, Ilyasnagar, and other areas. In previous rains, a single spell of rainfall would lead to widespread waterlogging, but now it has significantly reduced. When heavy rainfall occurs, roads usually get blocked due to solid waste or clothes flowing into the drains. Regarding underpasses, we have tried to maintain them. Following last year's incident, we close the underpasses whenever there is rainfall as a precaution. People should also understand that dumping solid waste on roads and into drains is causing blockages, which is why we are continuously desilting."

> **"Despite the record rain, I can say there was not too much waterlogging. Waterlogging occurred on ORR, Mysuru Road, and in a few places like Yelahanka, RMV Extension** – Tushar Giri Nath, BBMP chief commissioner

Morphed images: Hidden danger lurking behind social media

Cops book 4 boys for sharing morphed images of 7 girls on WhatsApp, register case under IT Act and IPC 354 A

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The Bengaluru police have booked four boys for sharing morphed images of at least seven girls and sharing them on WhatsApp. The four accused are alumni of one of the oldest private schools situated in Pulakeshinagar, in the eastern portion of the city, while the images shared are also of girls who are alumni of the same school. Images of girls still studying at the school have also been shared.

The father of a 17-year-old girl, studying in class 12, whose images were shared, filed a complaint with the Bharathi Nagar Police on Thursday (May 30). In his complaint, the father has noted that the girl learned about her images being shared on WhatsApp through her schoolmate and a friend of the accused boys. Soon after finding out, the girl informed her family regarding the same on May 28. The girl's brother later interrogated one of the accused to find that it was not an isolated matter, and images of other girls who are alumni of the school and those who are still studying have also been shared.

The father of the 17-year-old has elaborated that the girl had befriended one of the accused boys on Instagram earlier. Following this, her images were downloaded, morphed, and circulated. The family has noted that the school did not provide them with any support to resolve the matter, leading them to take the issue to the doorstep of the police. Since the boys were merely alumni and not still enrolled in the school, the parents were told off by its management. The police have registered a case under the Information Technology Act and IPC Section 354A (sexual harassment). The accused have confessed to the crime during the investigation, and their devices have been confiscated by the police.

On Saturday (June 1), the Madurai Bench of the Madras High Court observed that morphing a woman's photo and uploading it on social media will "not only damage the woman's morality" and her family, but will also disturb and may deviate others, particularly the younger generation, who use social media. Child rights activists have noted that schoolgirls are now increasingly becoming targets of morphed images. They have called on educational institutions to carry out sensitization workshops and campaigns regarding the matter of morphing images and its consequences.

Awareness drive on heart blockages sees tremendous success

SRIDHAR KS

The innovative event 'Keep It Beating' organised by Madhavbaug Hospital in collaboration with Vijay Karnataka was a tremendous success. The event kicked off with the slogan, 'Ask a question and find a solution.' Held at Sri Sai Convention Hall in Jayanagar, the programme attracted hundreds of participants.

Dr Gurudatta Amin, Chief Medical Officer of Madhavbaug, emphasised the urgency of addressing heart disease, stating, "In India, four people die of heart attacks every minute. We need to protect ourselves from heart disease. Regular exercise, avoiding bad habits, and stress management can help. Diabetes is the main cause of heart disease. Controlling diabetes can help prevent all diseases. Madhavbaug has conducted extensive research on diabetes control and developed a three-month treatment plan that includes 21 days of therapy, three months of medication, and three months of exercise. Many people have already benefited from this treatment."

Dr Amin, Dr Deshpande, actress Harini Sreekanth, and others on stage; participants keenly listening

Emphasising the importance of awareness in disease prevention, Dr Amin said, "Lack of awareness leads to diseases. We need to create awareness among people about diseases; it can help prevent all of them. Our priority is to create awareness about diseases." Dr Prasad Deshpande, a medical officer, added, "It is easier to prevent diseases than to treat them. Instead of waiting for diseases to occur and then seeking treatment, it is better to get checked and prevent diseases altogether." Dr Amin further emphasised the need for regular exercise, stress management, and avoiding bad habits to prevent heart disease and diabetes. He also highlighted the critical role of awareness in preventing diseases.

The event featured a talk by actress and dancer Harini Sreekant, who stressed the importance of prioritising health and seeking medical attention if symptoms persist. Individuals who had successfully overcome heart disease and diabetes through Madhavbaug's treatment programmes were honoured during the event. Madhavbaug offers a comprehensive approach to healthcare, combining modern medicine, Ayurveda, diet, and physiotherapy, and provides guidance on maintaining heart health through its expert doctors.

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Tourists run from city heat... to even hotter hill stations

To escape the heat, many from Bengaluru are heading to hill stations in the north. However, now it looks like the current weather in Bengaluru is cooler than in the northern hill stations. "Tourists heading to Himachal Pradesh to escape the scorching heat of the plains are disappointed to find a heatwave prevailing in parts of the state. These conditions are likely to continue in isolated pockets of Una, Bilaspur, Hamirpur, Solan, Sirmaur, Kangra, and Shimla districts for the next 4–5 days. There is also a possibility of a severe heatwave in the districts of Una, Bilaspur, Hamirpur, Solan, Sirmaur, Kangra, and adjoining areas," as reported by the Times of India.

Officers tried to control a forest fire breakout in Shimla on Thursday

The TOI report also discussed the occurrence of smoke rising from a forest fire in Shimla some days ago, owing to rising temperatures. According to the Indian Meteorological Centre, Shimla, the average maximum temperature in the state is likely to increase by 2–3 degrees during this period. The average minimum temperature for mid-hills, low-hills/plain areas of the state is likely to go up by 2-3 degrees and remain above normal, whereas the minimum temperature for high-hill areas is likely to decrease by 1-2 degrees.

Tourist spots like Shimla, Manali, Dharamshala, Narkanda, and Kufri, which are witnessing a tourist influx, are reeling under sizzling heat these days. Shimla, on Sunday, recorded a maximum temperature of 29.5 degrees Celsius, which was 4.5 degrees above normal, while Dharamshala logged a maximum temperature of 35.1 degrees Celsius, 3.9 degrees above normal.

River rafting resumes in Dubare

River rafting has commenced in Dubare, Kushalnagar (Kodagu), owing to recent rainfall boosting the water levels in the Cauvery River. As the summer vacation season nears its end, tourists are flocking to Dubare, where the increased water flow has enabled the start of still water sports. Dubare boasts around 70–80 raft boats. Boat owners and workers were previously facing challenges due to water scarcity; now, still water sports are being organised along a 1.5-kilometre stretch of the river. CL Vishwanath, president of the River Rafting Monitoring Committee, mentioned, "If the rain persists, we plan to conduct white water sports in June and July. Due to the recent rains, water sports have begun, with plans for white water sports in the coming months if the rain continues."

Done with our responsibilities: HDK on sexual assault case

Distancing himself from the alleged sex video scandal, former Chief Minister and JD-S state unit chief HD Kumaraswamy said on Monday that "we are done with our responsibilities." His remarks came after the Special Investigation Team (SIT) probing the case launched a hunt for his sister-in-law and former Zilla Parishad member Bhavani Revanna, the mother of JD-S MP Prajwal Revanna, the prime accused in the case who is in SIT custody now.

Asked about Bhavani Revanna not appearing for questioning despite being served notices, Kumaraswamy said, "Our responsibility is over. Now the responsibility lies with the SIT and the court. I will not interfere in any matter. We are done with our responsibilities in connection with Prajwal. I had appealed to him to return from abroad and face the investigation. HD Deve Gowda also issued a stern warning to him. Henceforth, the responsibility rests with the SIT and the court."

Meanwhile, SIT sources said that more than five teams are searching for Bhavani in connection with a kidnapping case linked to the alleged sex video scandal. Since the court has rejected her anticipatory bail plea, she faces imminent arrest. Sources indicated that she will approach a higher court seeking bail.

Bhavani Revanna was not present at her residence in Holenarasipur town when the SIT officers reached there on Saturday. Earlier, Bhavani wrote to the SIT claiming that she would cooperate with the probe. **IANS**

Planting done, but will any of them make it?

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The way the BDA Forest Department is taking up planting of saplings at the layout is disappointing. We are contemplating to meet the BDA Commissioner to discuss this," said ME Channabasavaraja, president, Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Layout Open Forum.

Coming down heavily on the BDA Forest Department for haphazard planting of saplings, Suriya Kiran, spokesperson of Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Layout Open Forum, said the Forest Department of the BDA does not have the permission to plant saplings on 30 ft, 40 ft, and 50 ft roads till the soil stabilisation and asphalting works are completed but planting saplings has been carried out without permission from the civil engineering department.

"The Engineer Member has said the engineering department will place rings on all the roads to facilitate planting of saplings. The objective is to prevent damage to the saplings while asphalting these roads. However, the BDA Forest Department has taken up planting of saplings much before placing the rings," said Surya Kiran.

He said the BDA Forest Department, in a hurry to complete the task of planting saplings, has planted them at all places including the buffer zone of the storm water drain which would become a pond during monsoon.

"The survival rate of saplings planted at such locations is low. The BDA Forest Department must select different varieties of saplings to help the biodiversity," he said.

Saplings planted at the buffer zone of the storm water drain at Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Layout

BDA Deputy Conservator of Forests Gangadharaiah said that the BDA has a target of planting 50,000 saplings this year and the planting drive will be held shortly. "We have planted saplings at vacant places and civic amenities sites. I have directed the contractor to relocate around 50 saplings planted on the roads that are yet to be asphalted.

The engineering department has advised me not to go ahead with planting saplings at the layout. We have to spend around Rs 600 per sapling (including maintenance for one year)," said the BDA Deputy Conservator of Forest.

However, BDA Engineer Member Dr HR Shantharajanna said the engineering department did not give permission to the forest department to plant saplings on the roads. "Asphalting of the roads will be done by leaving sufficient space for planting of saplings. The forest department has to wait till the asphalting of the roads is completed at the layout," said Shantharajanna.

Dangers of going down Kerekodi Road

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downpour has resulted in the road turning into a slush fest. It is unmotorable and unwalkable," said a resident of the area.

2-yr neglect

Locals say they have been bearing the brunt of neglect by the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) for nearly two years. They say the road has been almost non-motorable since it was torn down in December 2022 by the civic agency, citing the rejuvenation of Hosakerehalli Lake. Up until then, it was a well-tarred road. The stretch never got restored and has been adding to commuters' woes as it keeps deteriorating.

"It has been traumatic to use the road even after a light shower spell, especially with medical emergencies. We had to use the stretch many times over the last two years to take my father to the hospital frequently.

The alternative route takes 15 minutes longer. While my father has passed on, the road remains the same," said Rachna Ravi Kiran, a resident of the area.

Even in the dry season, the stretch poses a grave risk to two-wheeler riders and pedestrians. There have been instances of commuters falling off their bikes while navigating the stretch.

"Even when dry, it has big and sharp stones jutting out. We have witnessed many accidents in the past," lamented another resident.

Locals say they have been flagging their concerns regarding the poor condition of Kerekodi Main Road since December 2022. However, their complaints have seen no response. Many also highlight that the underpass next to the stretch gets flooded frequently making it more unsafe for pedestrians and commuters.

"It appears that the authorities do not care about the collective wellbeing. We have raised many complaints in the past and have also requested the authorities concerned to fix the stretch," said Subramani, another resident of the area.

Some point to other ongoing development projects in the area, while authorities remain apathetic to the sad state of Kerekodi Road. Work on the extension of Kerekodi Bridge has been going on for months while the main road is in shambles.

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MIND THE GAP

Here's why you may not be getting benefits you expected from mindfulness

You've probably seen the word mindfulness everywhere these days, from the news, to magazines, to social media.

Mindfulness is sometimes packaged as a mental health cure-all, and studies do suggest that mindfulness-based therapies support mental health. Your friends or family may even have told you that mindfulness has changed their lives.

But if you have tried mindfulness and feel like it isn't working for you, our developmental psychology research might explain why.

In our recent study, we have found that being highly mindful may not be beneficial for all. Instead, some aspects of mindfulness may be more important than others at certain ages, affecting mental health and well-being differently.

Different aspects of mindfulness?

Mindfulness can be described as an awareness of the present moment with a nonjudgemental, accepting attitude. When you think of mindfulness, you may consider it as a general ability. But some researchers think that mindfulness consists of five aspects:

Acting with awareness: behaving with attention to the present.
Observing: paying attention to experiences such as thoughts, emotions and sensations.
Describing: being able to label your experiences with words.
Nonjudgement: not criticising your inner thoughts and emotions.
Nonreactivity: allowing your thoughts and emotions to come and go freely without automatically reacting to them.

Psychology research has shown that some of these mindfulness aspects might support mental health and well-being more than others. But which combinations of mindfulness aspects are beneficial, and does your age play a role?

Mindfulness aspects across the lifespan

In our research, we studied mindfulness aspects and mental health among 1,600 people, aged 14 to 90 years. We found that older adults were more likely to act with awareness (rather than on autopilot) and be nonjudgemental towards themselves. We also found that having these aspects of mindfulness coincided with better mental health.

On the other hand, youth tended to be good at observing what was happening around them, but not so good at other mindfulness aspects. This pattern of mindfulness was related to poorer mental health.

Developmental psychology research may provide an explanation for the finding that older and younger people experience mindfulness differently. Older individuals are better at mindfully savouring the present moment, possibly because they recognise that there is limited time left to fully enjoy their lives.

Meanwhile, younger people prioritise social acceptance and approval. They may feel that others are always thinking about them, judging their appearance and actions.

As a result, young people pay close attention to social messages and follow social norms. This focus on outward observing may leave little room for the kind of mindfulness that could support mental health.

Should you change how you build mindfulness skills?

Given our research findings, we suggest that every person could benefit from a more personalised mindfulness practice. If you feel like you run on autopilot and want to build self-compassion, acceptance and commitment therapy can support your acting with awareness and nonjudgement.

When considering age, younger individuals might benefit by working on their nonjudgement to support their well-being. If youth tend to compare themselves to others (perhaps a result of high observing), they could benefit by grounding themselves in the present and accepting themselves without judgement.

Although our research suggests that older people tend to be nonjudgemental and act with awareness, this may not be true for everyone. Older individuals can still engage in mindfulness practices that can strengthen these aspects. For example, continuing to build awareness through mindful walking could further improve your well-being.

In psychology research, the Five-Facet Mindfulness Questionnaire has been demonstrated to be a valid and reliable measure of the five mindful aspects. It's important to note that quizzes should not be used to replace psychological expert advice. However, this one can give you a good idea of how you experience mindfulness.

Despite its ubiquity, generalised mindfulness may not be an all-purpose mental health tool. Rather, our research shows how different components of mindfulness might be uniquely important.

Your age could also affect how much you benefit from mindfulness practices. Knowing your mindfulness profile could be an important next step for more effectively improving your well-being and mental health.

(s By Nathaniel Johnson and Hali Kil, Simon Fraser University, The Conversation)

MIRRORLIGHTS

4 strategies that will transform your child's personality

The most satisfying part of being a parent is witnessing your child grow into an individual with a great personality. As parents, we play a pivotal role in shaping our children's personalities, guiding them towards becoming confident, compassionate, and resilient individuals. Megha Chopra, Entrepreneur and Poet, shares four important strategies to transform your child's personality:

Promote Curiosity: Try to include educational games and activities in everyday routines to promote exploration. Encourage curiosity by introducing kids to a variety of topics, give a range of books, puzzles, and practical activities to foster a good learning atmosphere. Set an example of a love of learning by collaborating on shared discoveries and sharing your own interests.

Play With Your Child: Playing with your child every day helps relationships and develops good qualities in them. By playing together, they develop a well-rounded personality by learning how to express themselves creatively, communicate, and solve problems. Regular communication lays a solid basis for self-assurance and social skills. Your child will become a resilient, sympathetic person with a positive outlook on life as a result of your daily investment in happy moments.

Healthy Daily Routine: Children feel stable and secure when routines are followed consistently. Consistent sleep habits promote cognitive growth and emotional fortitude. Meals and activities with the family strengthen bonds and social skills. Reducing screen time promotes physical exercise and creativity. Finding a balance encourages accountability, discipline, and time management.

Express Unconditional Love: Building a strong personality requires expressions of unconditional love through affirmation, and empathy. Appreciate their individuality, promote self-esteem, and engage in active listening. They will become more resilient if you encourage them to accept challenges. Give them the empowerment to learn how to solve problems and make decisions. Foster an atmosphere where learning from mistakes is seen as a chance to improve.

— Kayalvizhi Arivalan, Femina

All you need to know about...

Mediterranean diet

Positive for women
Women consuming the largely plant-based Mediterranean diet were found to be at a 23 per cent lower risk of dying prematurely, according to new research.

Check-up
The study following more than 25,000 US women for up to 25 years found that adhering to the diet reduced cholesterol, obesity and insulin resistance, all of which are known risk factors for developing metabolic disorders, including diabetes and heart disease.

The diet
The Mediterranean diet is rich in nuts, fruits and vegetables, along with whole grains and legumes. The dishes are mainly cooked in olive oil and also include a moderate intake of fish, poultry, dairy and eggs. Red meat and sweets are rarely consumed.

Lowers cancer risk
Adopting this diet pattern was also found to lower risk of death due to cancer in the women studied. The findings were published in The Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA).

Small tweaks
"Our research provides significant public health insight: even modest changes in established risk factors for metabolic diseases can yield substantial long-term benefits from following a Mediterranean diet. This finding underscores the potential of encouraging healthier dietary habits to reduce the overall risk of mortality," said lead author Shafqat Ahmad, a researcher at the Division of Preventive Medicine, Brigham and Women's Hospital, US.

Insights
"The health benefits of the Mediterranean diet are recognised by medical professionals, and our study offers insights into why the diet may be so beneficial," said senior author Samia Mora, a cardiologist and the director of the Center for Lipid Metabolomics, Brigham and Women's Hospital. **—PTI**

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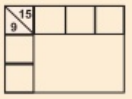
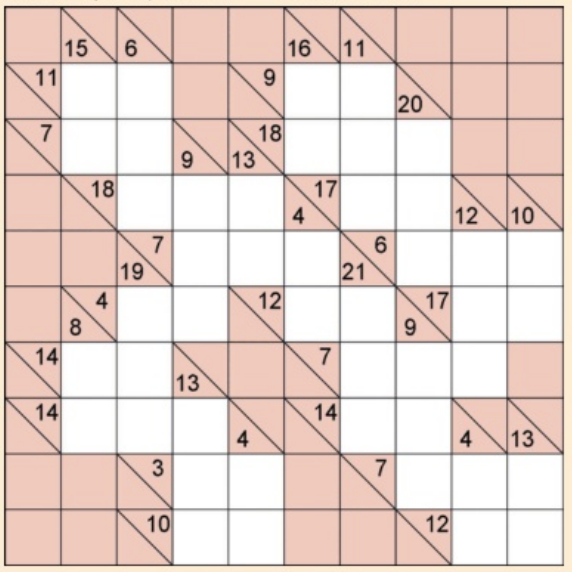
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas



for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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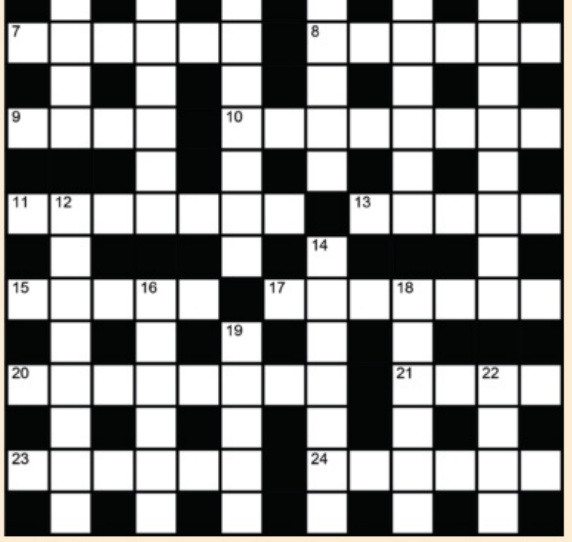


ACROSS

7 Bear witness or testify under oath (6)
8 City in U.P. (6)
9 Fashionable (4)
10 Instantaneously or almost spontaneously? (2,1,5)
11 Passed to and fro (7)
13 Good-bye from Spain? (5)
15 Karnataka town whose name is associated with South Indian food (5)
17 Pays heed (7)
20 The last main part of a full-length play? (3,5)
21 Peep; peer (4)
23 Wodehouse's first name (6)
24 Church officials (6)

DOWN

1 Delicate or tender (4)
2 Expressed or mentioned (6)
3 Long, narrow passages (7)
4 Test or experiment? (5)
5 Beamed or grinned (6)
6 Criticises severely (4,4)
12 Kidnapped (8)
14 Roman goddess of wisdom (7)
16 Uneven in quality? (6)
18 Subjects (6)
19 Chief or principal (5)
22 Makes mistakes (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: C EQUALS G

DAZW DZ GOZ THGWWEWC SJO TJKBZOEBL, DZ JVCAB BJ OZQZQYZO BAGB XEOBVZ EK WJB AZOZIEBGOL.

Linemaro

You must work in a library because you just increased my circulation

Mindchow

Wrinkles should merely indicate where smiles have been

Joke of the day

Honest criticism is hard to take, particularly from a relative, a friend, an acquaintance or a stranger

Loop

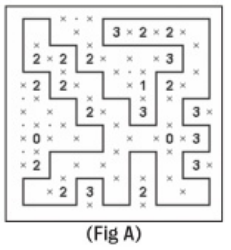
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

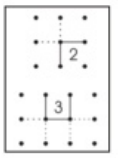
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

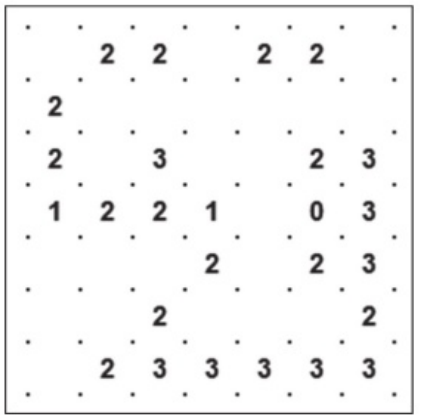
Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



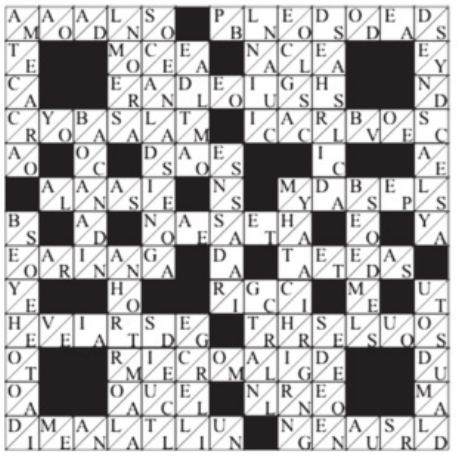
(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed



Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...

1 F	2	3	4	5
6				
7				
8				
9				

ACROSS

1 Of sod; 6 Are ZU;
7 Act on; 8 In die;
9 Saone

DOWN

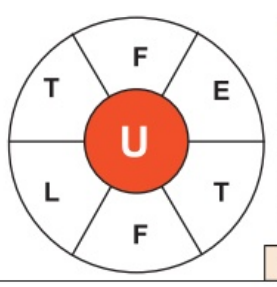
1 If AAC; 2 NE Zoo;
3 To duo; 4 Nadir;
5 Essen

Mensapuzzle

What two numbers should replace the question marks?

10, 50, 13, 45, 18, 38, ?, ?

Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

09 Average; 10 Good; 12 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

	9							
5	3	1	8					
		8		7	9	3		6
	5					4		
	4		3	8	6		7	
		6					1	
7		4	5	3		9		
					1	5	2	7
							3	

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

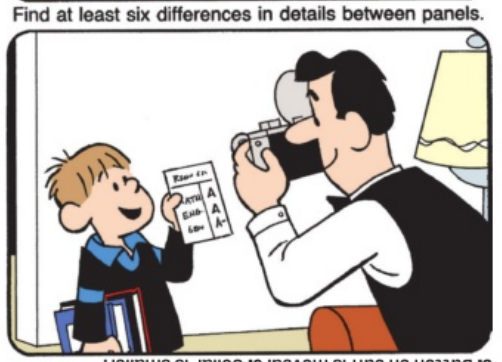
Easy = 4
2 3 5 6

Medium = 10
1 2 4 5

Hard = 32
3 6 8 6

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



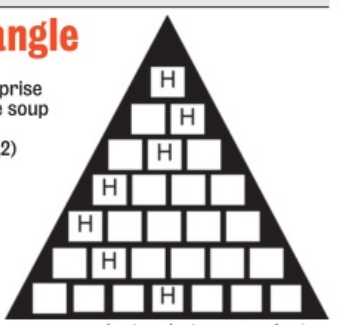
Differences: 1. Grade is different. 2. Stripe on sleeve is lower. 3. Man's hair is shorter. 4. Camera is larger. 5. Button on cuff is moved. 6. Collar is smaller.

Riddler

I can be found on paper or sitting in a bar. I can be found next to money that won't get you far. I share something in common with wheat and rice, Though you wouldn't want to eat me because I don't taste nice. I can be kept in a box as well as keep time. Can you come up with an answer to go along with this rhyme? What am I?

Alpha triangle

1 8th letter
2 Interjection of surprise
3 Vietnamese noodle soup
4 Circular band
5 Board, as a bus (3,2)
6 A quantum of radiant energy
7 Tropical cyclone



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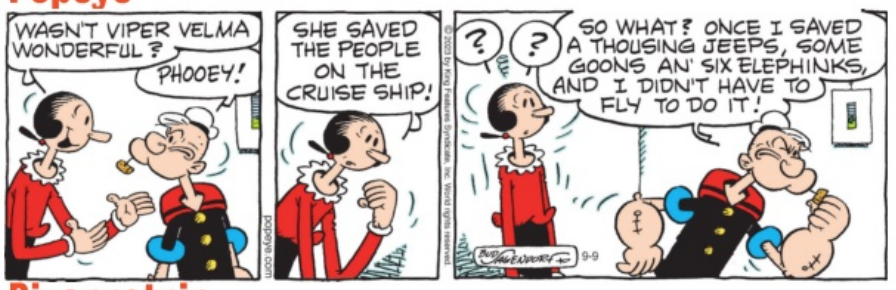
WASN'T VIPER VELMA WONDERFUL?
PHOOEY!
SHE SAVED THE PEOPLE ON THE CRUISE SHIP!
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SO WHAT? ONCE I SAVED A THOUSING JEEPS, SOME GOONS AN' SIX ELEPHINKS, AND I DIDN'T HAVE TO FLY TO DO IT!
9-9

Bizarrotrip

Wayno & Piraro 3-1-24
They finally destroyed everything but us. And glitter.
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Diamond Lil

Hart of the city

THIS WAS SO MUCH FUN. THANKS FOR HAVING US.
ARE YOU SURE YOU DON'T WANT MORE SAUCE?
UHHH...
I DON'T THINK WE'LL FIT IN THE CAR IF WE TAKE ANY MORE.
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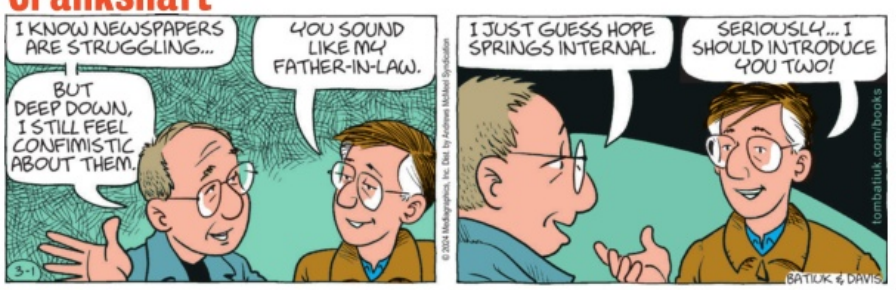
I KNOW NEWSPAPERS ARE STRUGGLING...
YOU SOUND LIKE MY FATHER-IN-LAW.
BUT DEEP DOWN, I STILL FEEL CONFIMISTIC ABOUT THEM.
I JUST GUESS HOPE SPRINGS INTERNAL.
SERIOUSLY... I SHOULD INTRODUCE YOU TWO!
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BATIUK & DAVIS

Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, you may be busy at home; you may buy some artefacts or creative stuff to renovate your house, which may increase your social status. You may also invest in properties and other fixed assets. You are likely to enjoy your romantic moments with your spouse, which may increase your emotional relationship. Singles may hear good news in terms of marriage.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today, you may feel happy. Old health issues related to elders may be cured. Money that was stuck may be recovered now, which may increase the liquidity in the business. Individuals who are currently employed may switch jobs in order to pursue a promotion. Job seekers may get a job with the help of any friend's reference.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today, you may prefer gaining knowledge; you may understand the value of intellectual assets. With patience, you may perform your tasks smoothly. There may be some chances for smooth earnings, which may give you comfort in the workflow. You are advised to be careful before making new investments in assets. You are also advised to avoid speculation in the work.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today, you may feel dull. You may make silly mistakes, which may affect your confidence level. Your working efficiency may slow down, which may affect your day-to-day work. Your projects may be delayed, which may affect your professional life. Before taking any important decision, you are advised to take advice from your elders.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today, you may be energetic or more focused, which may speed up your current tasks. Your subordinates may help you start a new project, which may give you profit in the near future. You may expect some short trips related to your family issues. Job seekers may hear good news in terms of jobs.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today, you may feel dull and may also face health issues. It is advised to keep your mind cool. You may face difficulty recovering your money. Read the documents carefully before signing them. You are also advised to avoid going on an adventure tour. Students are advised to go for in-depth study to achieve success.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today, you may be able to control your expenditure on worthless things, which may increase your savings. You may use your creativity in your office or at home, which may enhance your social status. Lovebirds may likely get some support from their family members for marriage. Students may hear good news in terms of academics.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today, you may be relaxed after a messy situation. Your inner strength may help you implement some difficult decisions in your parental business, which may grow your business. You may help needy people around you, which may increase your social respect. Students might be clear in choosing their career options.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today, you may feel dull, and your health may not be good. You may also have anxiety and restlessness. You are advised to postpone your important investments in business or real estate. You are advised to avoid rush-hour driving and long-distance travel as well. You may do some meditation, as it will be helpful for sound sleep.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today, blessings from elders' may make you happy, and your investments may give you profits. Losses are now converted into profits. Your savings may boost your bank balance. You may plan to invest in your kid's future as well. You may also enjoy some delicious food at home. Problems related to the throat, teeth, ear, or nose may be resolved now.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today, you may enjoy work, and you may get some promotion after your hard work. You may be likely to help some needy people, and your social respect may have increased now. Overworking your mind may make you tired, and due to your workload, you may not be able to reach some family get-togethers. Your parents' health may have recovered now.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today, projects that were stopped without a reason may start again. You may be satisfied at work, and you may plan for a short work-related trip. You may also visit some religious places to maintain your internal strength. Your elders may show you the right path, which may guide you to achieve your goals.

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SOLVE IN 1M
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= 36/400 x 850
= 76.5

RIDDLER
SAND. Sand paper. Sand bar. Sand dollar. A Grain of rice or wheat. A Grain of Sand. Sand box and it is found in an hourglass.

BULL'S EYE
flue, flute, turf
FREEFUL, fuel, furl, lure, lute, ruffle, rule, true, TRUFFLE,

FAST FIVE

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MENSA PUZZLE
25, 29. There are two alternate sequences: start at 10 and add 3, 5, 7; start at 50 and deduct 5, 7, 9.

QUOTE UNCODE
When we are planning for posterity, we ought to remember that virtue is not hereditary.

SUDOKU

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9	8	3	6	4	1	5	2	7
2	1	5	7	9	8	6	3	4

ALPHA TRIANGLE
H, Oh, Pho, Hoop, Hop on, Photon, Typhoon.

GO FIGURE
Easy
3 + 2 + 5 − 6 = 4
Medium
4 − 2 x 1 x 5 = 10
Hard
6 x 3 + 8 + 6 = 32

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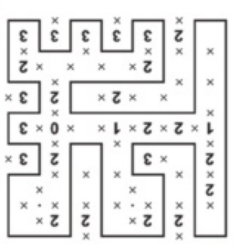

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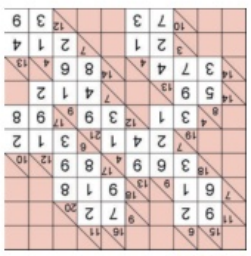

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 # Yacht's that? Priyanka Chopra gives a glimpse of fun time spent on yacht with daughter, 'The Bluff' team

Who said it?

Ananya Panday lends her voice to Riley in Hindi version of 'Inside Out 2'

Actress Ananya Panday, who was recently seen in the streaming movie 'Kho Gaye Hum Kahan', has lent her voice to the character of Riley in the Hindi version of the upcoming animated film 'Inside Out 2'.

The actress took to Instagram stories on Monday and announced her association with a fun video.

Talking about the association, the actress said: "I have always been such a huge fan of Disney and Pixar animated films, these stories transport you to a

Actress says she has been a fan of animated films as the stories transport one to a whole new entertaining world

world that is so entertaining and yet relatable at the same time."

Ananya recalled watching 'Inside Out' a few years ago as a teenager and being mesmerised by the world of colourful emotions.

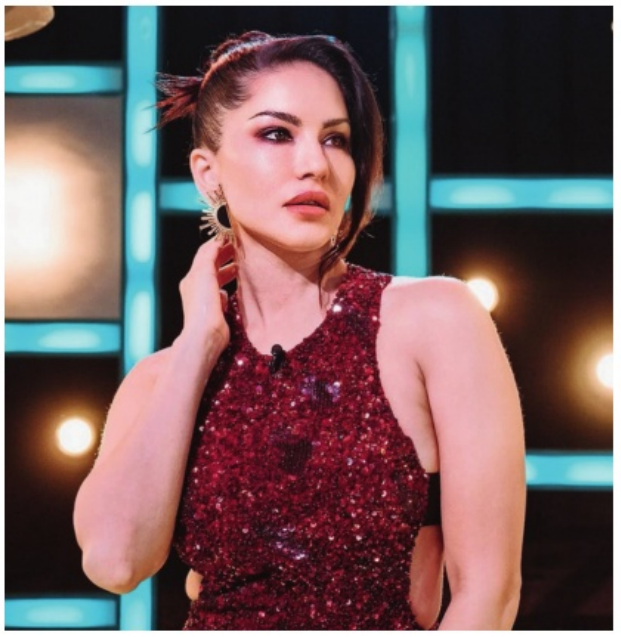
The actress said that she never imagined in her wildest dreams that one day she would be an integral part of this story.

"Voicing Riley made me relive so many of my childhood moments, and this is definitely the most fun I've had at work," she added.

Produced by Disney and Pixar, 'Inside Out 2' is set to arrive in cinemas on June 14 in both English and Hindi.

—IANS

Sunny gangsta



Actress Sunny Leone unveiled the first look of her upcoming Tamil film 'Quotation Gang' on Monday, sharing two posters that feature her in a never-seen-before avatar.

Taking to social media, Sunny shared a poster in which she is donning a chequered shirt over a skirt, sporting a rural look alongside Priya Mani's character, exuding intensity.

Another poster showcases her caught in an intense moment, gripping her co-star Jackie Shroff's neck. Sunny has ditched the glamorous avatar and effortlessly imbibed the role of a bold rural mafia member in the movie. The actress captioned the post: "In Theatres from July! A Hyper-link movie. Let's unveil the mysterious minds, a deceptive couple, two soul-stirring identities, a swaggering teenager, and bonds that don't stand the test of time."

The film features Sunny as an assassin who is a key member of a ruthless gang, which specialises in contract killings. Her character is calculating and ruthless, which is a true-blue departure from her usual glamorous image.

Directed by Vivek Kumar Kannan, the movie also stars Sara Arjun. It is produced by Gayathri Suresh and Vivek Kumar Kannan. Meanwhile, Sunny last featured in the Tamil film 'Thee Ivan'.

—IANS

Smile please

Rashmika Mandanna's smile has the ability to light up a room and also our social media feed

Watch this story come alive by pointing your phone camera at the QR code

Nice new hairdo

Actor Vicky Kaushal has finally cut his long hair and beard, which he had been sporting for his upcoming film 'Chhava.'

Vicky, on Monday, took to his Instagram account to drop pictures of his new haircut.

The 'Sam Bahadur' actor looked dashing with his slightly shaved hairstyle, showing off his good looks.

Wearing sunglasses, Vicky posed for the pictures, flaunting his new hairstyle. In the caption, he tagged celebrity hairstylist Aalim Hakim.

Soon after the actor shared the pictures, fans chimed in the comment in section. One user wrote, "Was dying too see you back like this." Another user commented, "Gangster look is back." "Thank god for this haircut," wrote a third user.

On the work front, Vicky Kaushal was last seen in 'Sam Bahadur'. The actor will be next seen with Rashmika Mandanna in 'Chhava'. Vicky plays the role of Chhatrapati Sambhaji Maharaj, and Rashmika takes on the role of his wife, Yesubai Bhonsale'.

—ANI

SANDALWOOD SHOTS

Y MAHESWARA REDDY

Upcoming director

Meet upcoming director M Anand Raj who earned name from his maiden movie Raaghu. Vijay Raghavendra played the lead in that movie. Now, he is excited about the release of his second movie Chef Chidambara. Its trailer was released recently.

"Chef Chidambara is a dark comedy. It may very well be the first of its kind in Sandalwood. The movie revolves around a chef who is accused of being involved in a murder case and whether or not he comes out clean is what the movie is all about," said Anand Raj.

He said he worked as an associate for three Kannada movies Aana, Baang, and Mary. "I wanted to direct a movie with Aniruddha Jatkar. So I approached him for this movie. He agreed to play the lead role. He plays the chef who uses a body to cook biryani. The protagonist is not a professional cook. Aniruddha was at his best," said the director.

The movie has two heroines – Nidhi Subbaiah and Rachel David – and an ensemble of character actors. "Nidhi Subbaiah's performance will be a treat to watch. Her dialogue delivery and body language deserve appreciation. I am sure the audiences go home satisfied after watching this movie at theaters," the director said.

Parallel lives

Director Harshapriya is busy with the post-production work of his maiden Kannada movie Hejjaru that is said to be the first parallel-lives movie in Sandalwood. The motion poster of the movie has received good feedback. Harshapriya began his career as a dialogue writer for TV serials.

"The post-production work is in progress and arrangements are being made to release the movie in a few weeks. I was associated as a dialogue writer for director Ravi R Gharani for six years and also worked for director K Kalyan for two years," said Harshapriya.

According to the director, the movie Hajjaru revolves around two people who face similar problems in different times – in 1965 and 2020. "One of the characters embarks on a journey to clear his doubts. Whether he will succeed is what the movie is all about. The movie explores the notion of comparable life," the director said.

Bhagat Alva debuts as a hero in Sandalwood with this movie while Leonilla Shweta D'Souza is paired opposite him. Gopal Deshpande, Naveen Krishna, Muni, Vinod Bharathi, and Aruna Balaraj are also part of the cast. "I insisted Naveen Krishna play the villain in the movie," the director said. The movie is bankrolled by Ramji Talkies and Gagan Enterprises.